

He bowled one down the alley
As hard as he possibly could,
It struck the foremost of the pins—
The place is kindling wood.

He was a drop, drop kicker
He kicked his school to shame,
And how the coach kicked when he
dropped
The kick that lost the game.

Billy Evans Praises West Virginia Grid Team

VARSITY SHOWING REAL CLASS FOR SEASON OF 1922

By Defeating Presidents, Blue
and Gold Warriors Can
Reach Top Rung.

By BILLY EVANS.

Are the football experts overlooking the strong University of West Virginia football team in dishing out the leading teams of the country?

Without a doubt University of West Virginia has a team that must be given a very high rating, when the final standing is made.

First, let us make a comparison between West Virginia and the leading teams in the Western Conference.

West Virginia defeated Indiana by the score of 33 to 0, completely outclassing the Hoosier eleven.

Comparison With West. The best that Wisconsin and Minnesota could do against Indiana was to win by the same score of 20 to 0. Knute Rockne's wonderful Notre Dame team beat Indiana 27 to 0.

While comparative scores may not mean a great deal, they certainly place West Virginia a trifle ahead of some of the very best teams in the west.

West Virginia defeated University of Pittsburgh 9 to 6. Lafayette, considered by a majority of the critics as the strongest team in the east, was beaten by Washington and Jefferson 14 to 13. Pittsburgh defeated Washington and Jefferson 19 to 0.

All of which gives West Virginia a mighty high rating in comparison with the east.

The Game Only Blot. The only blot on West Virginia's record is a 12 to 12 tie with Washington and Lee. All great teams have their off days, this was West Virginia's.

The strain of the Washington and Lee tie game was wiped out, however, by the decisive defeat of Virginia 13 to 0. Virginia had previously beaten Washington and Lee 22 to 6.

In this connection it might be well to state that the best Princeton could do against Virginia was a 5 to 0 win. The conqueror of Yale and Harvard was unable to cross the Virginia line, winning on a field goal and safety, while West Virginia scored two touchdowns.

The big game for West Virginia is slated for Thanksgiving Day when Washington and Jefferson should meet. On that day West Virginia should win, and if it does, in a decisive manner, West Virginia must be rated as one of the greatest eleven in the country.

PUNTS AND PASSES

About Ready.

Local football teams are about ready for the games to be played tomorrow and Saturday at South Side Park. Tomorrow afternoon the Fairview High School eleven will battle with the Iceman at South Side Park and a real battle is expected, although the Iceman will likely win by a good margin. The Fairview bunch have been preparing for the Fairmont game all season and will put up their best fight here tomorrow, according to the dope. The two teams are old rivals in basketball and baseball, but this is the first meeting at football, as it is the first time that Fairview has supported a gridiron team. More than 300 rooters will come from Fairview for the contest, so that there will be plenty of pep in both rooting sections after the game tomorrow, the Iceman have one more game to play, a contest being booked with Victory High School on Wednesday of next week.

Two other local teams will close their season on Saturday afternoon. The Fairmont State Normal School will play Broadus College, while the East Side High School will tackle Weston. Both games will be staged at South Side Park. The first contest will start at 1:45 p. m. and the second at 3:15. Both contests promise to be close and interesting on the advance dope. A large crowd will likely be on hand for the twin bill. The Normal team will engage in the first contest. Last year Weston High School gave the East Side bunch a severe drubbing and the Gamblers will be out for revenge in the game Saturday. They also want to make as good a better a showing against Weston as did Fairmont last week, when the Lewis County team was defeated 21 to 6 in a fast and snappy battle.

Murphy Belittled.

The Morgantown New Dominion takes a solid punch at Coach Murphy of the Philippi High School for the trouble at Mannington last week which resulted in the game being forfeited to Mannington. The New Dominion says:

"The first dark spot on an otherwise successful high school football season in the upper Monongahela Valley was the forfeited game last Saturday at Mannington which the latter team won by a score of 1 to 0 over Philippi. Inasmuch as Mannington's team is undefeated and overpowered a team that defeated Philippi by more than 60 points, there is no reason to believe that

the Marion County boys had any reason to fear a defeat. "Philippi's coach is a young man named Murphy, rather blustery at best. His statement given out in the Fairmont Times Sunday morning was to the effect that two Broadus players accompanied him team to Mannington, merely as spectators to the game, being en route to their homes at Moundsville for the week-end. Mannington insisted he intended to play these men and asked for an eligibility list. Murphy had none, not being a member of the state association so rather than take a chance with the crowd which had developed a menacing attitude, he allowed the game to be forfeited 1 to 0. That in substance is Murphy's story.

"The Mannington side almost kicks the props out from under this version, however, and if investigation shows it to be true, as it probably will, Philippi ought to be blacklisted until Murphy is dispensed with. Before noon last Saturday, according to Blake, the president of Broadus College called up Blake by telephone and told him Murphy had taken some Broadus players with him with the intention of playing the game against Mannington. When the Philippi team took the field not only two, but five Broadus players, according to Blake, were in uniform and ready to start the game. The president of the board of trustees of Broadus College was present at Blackshere Park and took the names of the five Broadus men.

"Such tactics as these are relics of the football stone age and merit only the most complete isolation neighboring high schools can give Philippi. On the face of the two stories, it is certain that Broadus players were there, and the fact that the president of Broadus College took the action he did in warning Coach Blake can be accepted as prima facie evidence of irregularity, to put it mildly, on the part of the Philippi coach's actions. Such things as that are most harmful to state athletics in scholastic circles. If Murphy is guilty as charged, he ought to be kicked clear out of high school football circles in this state."

SHINNSTON

Football Banquet.

The Hi-Y club of Shinnston High School will give a banquet in honor of the football team this evening in the Methodist Church. The Juniors and seniors of the school and ministers and business men of the town have been invited. Pop Withey of Parkersburg, head of the Hi-Y work in West Virginia, will be present. The Girl Scouts will serve a banquet to the guests.

Raid Housed. The state police raided two houses in Solon, a mining town about Shinnston, Monday night. A quantity of wine and mash were found. Several arrests have been made.

Personals.

Mrs. I. O. Ash has been visiting relatives in Pensboro for the past week.

Miss Marie Stilling, a teacher of the Enterprise graded school, was ill Monday.

The Misses Martha and Bessie Joseph and Marguerite Jaynes were shopping in Clarksburg this week.

Mrs. Austin Galkington and Mrs. A. E. Yassar were Clarksburg shoppers yesterday.

The Grace Martin Sunday School Class of the M. P. Church gave a party in the basement of the church Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in playing games and refreshments were served at a late hour.

Mrs. Okey Hamrick was a Fairmont shopper yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Cole were visitors in Clarksburg Tuesday.

J. L. Finlayson was a business visitor, in Fairmont yesterday.

Harry Hood visited at Wyatt Tuesday.

Miss Hazel Rowand was shopping in Clarksburg Tuesday.

William Parker Gets Two Years in Federal Prison

William Parker of this city entered a plea of guilty to an indictment charging him with violating the Harrison Narcotic Law when arraigned before Judge William E. Baker in Federal Court at Elkins yesterday. Judge Baker sentenced him to serve two years in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. Elsie Satterfield, who was arrested at the same time Parker was apprehended, entered a plea of not guilty and she will be tried Monday.

Parker and the Satterfield woman were arrested at her home at Uxton some time ago by Narcotic Inspector Lloyd Graves of Clarksburg and members of the city police force. When arrested both had dope in their possession. They were removed to Clarksburg and given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner G. H. Gordon and held for the Elkins term of court.

Another Marion County case disposed of was that of Samuel Audis, who confessed to a whisky violation and was sentenced to serve four months in jail and pay a fine of \$250.

TO ELECT DIRECTORS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Delegates to the second annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, now in session here, were to elect directors today and discuss a plan for diocesan organization. A discussion of women in industry was to occupy the afternoon, with the annual banquet to be held in the evening.

Don't forget the Red Cross!

SPEARS PREPARES FOR OHIO SQUAD

May Use Two Teams in Battle
at Morgantown This
Coming Saturday.

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 23.—In an effort to "save" his first string men and at the same time give them enough work to keep them from going stale Dr. C. W. Spears, head coach of the West Virginia eleven, is expected to use two complete teams against Ohio University in Saturday's game here. With the all-important W. & J. battle following close on the heels of the Ohio encounter, Coach Spears cannot afford to take any chances with his regulars this Saturday, but at the same time he must keep the Mountaineer's state clean.

To accomplish this he is likely to start what has come to be considered as the Varsity team against the Buckeyes in the first quarter. If they succeed in scoring in that period the "B" Varsity team will be used in the second quarter. Should Ohio hold the Spearman scoreless during the early stages of the game it will be necessary for the regulars to continue playing.

Ohio is reputed to have a strong team and Spears plans can only be tentative in their nature until he sees the Athens machine in action. If they are near as strong as some reports indicate he may be forced to use his regulars throughout the entire struggle. W. & J. must be beaten but there is little use of hoping to trim the Presidents unless Ohio can be defeated.

Coach Spears has been doing some experimenting this week and the team which takes the field against the Buckeyes Saturday may be vastly different from that which faced Indiana and Virginia. It is hard to tell just what Coach Spears intends to do Saturday and as he refuses to be interviewed on the matter the only alternative is for the team's followers to wait and see what happens. He has every member of the squad at his disposal and can make any one of a number of moves.

SEATS FOR GAME TO BE SOLD HERE

Local Sale for Thanksgiving
Football Contest Opens
This Saturday.

Neptune's Book Store on Saturday will have a number of tickets calling for reserved seats at about the 20-yard lines of the West Virginia University athletic field for the W. & J. West Virginia football game at Morgantown on Thanksgiving Day.

Due to the nation-wide interest in this game there has been a large number of inquiries by local people for tickets for this contest and many have already written direct to Morgantown for their tickets. There was a report for a time that there would be no public sale of tickets whatever but the seats on sale here will be advantageously located.

POLO GROUNDS TOO FAST, SAYS SCOTT

Shortstop Everett Scott of the New York Yankees, who like Babe Ruth was one of the big disappointments of the world series, has an explanation for his failure to show his old-time form that sounds to-tal.

"A lot of people were surprised at my failure to get certain balls that were hit in my territory during the series," says Scott. "I was one of them, although it had been apparent to me all year that I

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FRECKLES AND HIS PALS



Mayor Not Buying Brand of Hose Writer Thought

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\$100,000 Made on Mountaineers.

By O. DOTELL

I arrived here yesterday morning quite thirsty only to find that my favorite bootlegger was in jail for selling adulterated buttermilk. The milk was only 98 proof as against 125 proof required by the city officials. Them birds certainly like their milk strong.

I went down to the City Building to see what I could do about getting my bootlegger out of jail, but the chief clerk said the mayor was buying hose. I asked him if the mayor was doing his Christmas shopping early, but the clerk said it wasn't that kind of hose. He said there wasn't enough hose in the fire department for all the firemen to take a bath Saturday night and that some of the firemen objected to taking a bath any other time. So the mayor was buying enough hose to make the situation nucleus plus or some other Latin term. But I expect to see the mayor tomorrow and get the buttermilk law changed so they can't

wasn't covering as much ground as formerly.

"The idea has already been advanced that I am old and slipping in my play. Possibly there is some truth to that. I realize that I can't go as far for them as I could 10 years ago. However, I feel that the Polo Grounds was more responsible for making it seem that I was slowing up than any one other thing.

"Don't get the impression that I am offering this as an alibi, or that there is anything wrong with the Polo Grounds. As a matter of fact, the infield is so very fast at the Polo Grounds that it has had me a bit off balance all year.

"National and American League players will tell you that the Polo Grounds infield is the fastest in either league. The infield at the Boston American League park, where I have spent most of my career, is correspondingly slow. Players always jokingly referred to the Red Sox park as the swamp, as the infield was low and always seemed inclined to be damp and slow.

"It was the irony of fate that I should be transferred to New York as I am nearing the end of my career and be forced to play on so fast an infield. I feel that I could switch back to the Boston park and seem as brilliant as ever.

"True, age is beginning to tell, but the speed of that New York infield has been my greatest woe."

FORMER PREMIER DYING

ROME, Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Baron Sidney Sonnino, former premier and foreign minister, suffered a stroke of apoplexy today and is dying.

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You Figure It Out

BY BLOSSER

Splinter Stadium Will Be Decorated for Fight

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 23.—Harvey Stansbury's "splinter stadium," as the enormous wooden stands surrounding the West Virginia University athletic field has been dubbed, will be decorated in riotous colors for the Thanksgiving Day game here, according to plans now on foot. The Mountaineer athletic field which is usually a sea of mud, and ordinarily a very drab looking scene, but the University Student Council with funds contributed by the athletic department, by local business and professional men and by the council itself, proposes to not only decorate the field itself in holiday attire with numerous flags and bunting, but to decorate the leading streets, store windows and other points of vantage so that the thousands of out-of-town visitors will feel welcome in Morgantown.

Morgantown, because of its lack of hotel facilities, poor streets and other accommodations has gained a more or less unfavorable reputation for hospitality, but Morgantown's citizenry is properly aroused over the deluge of football fans representing the cream of the state's citizenship that is sure to come here on Thanksgiving, and every effort is being made to take care of the visitors in hospitable fashion.

Broadus Saturday without these men Coach Latta merely said, "Walter Camp contends that a team is no stronger than its substitutes."

GOVERNOR SEEKS TO SQUASH INDICTMENT

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Nov. 23.—The next major action in the case against Governor Robertson of Oklahoma on a charge of accepting a bribe is scheduled for next Monday at Ada when Special Judge Thomas A. Edwards will hear arguments on the executive's

motion to quash the indictment. The question of whether the governor is to be tried was settled yesterday at Ada when Judge Edwards ruled against Prosecutor James Hoppburn of Oklahoma County in his effort to have the case returned to Oklahoma County where the indictment was brought.

Numerous witnesses have been summoned for the hearing, Monday, and it was indicated that the merits of the case might be gone into as well as the legal questions raised by the governor concerning the indictment.

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